

Five Bajans were honored, some of them in their absence for their work at home and abroad. Rupert "Ruppee" Clarke, the well-known entertainer was presented with the "Pride of Barbados Award" and Jonathan Ethelbert Graham, who has devoted "a lifetime of service to cricket in Barbados" was given a special recognition award. Community citations were presented to the Rev. Dr. Hamilton Taitt, a prominent pastor in the Wesleyan Holiness Church in Florida; Martin Ervin Greenidge, a "role model" in the California community where he lives and works; and the Rev. Canon Dr. Llewellyn Armstrong, Rector of Calvary/St. Cyprian's Church in Brooklyn.

"We all left New York with a feeling of satisfaction," said Ed Bushell, Consul-General in Miami who chaired many of the sessions during the convention. "We all are looking forward to Barbados next year."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes on September 10, 2007, and would like the record to reflect that I would have voted as follows: rollcall No. 865: "yea," rollcall No. 866: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. THOMAS M. REYNOLDS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, while I was unavoidably absent during the final passage of the Conference Report to H.R. 2669, had I been present, I would have voted in support of the Conference Report. The College Cost Reduction Act will add nearly \$11.5 billion for Pell Grants, which will directly help 5.5 million low-income students attend college. While I had serious concerns about much of the runaway spending included in the legislation, I supported this legislation because it is important that higher education become more accessible and affordable for working families. The Conference Report included measures to achieve this goal. I have long supported and was pleased to see substantial funding increases in particular for Pell Grants and TRIO/Upward Bound. As a parent and a grandparent, I understand the need to ensure students are afforded every opportunity to attend college.

HONORING KYLE JOSEPH CODAY

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kyle Joseph Coday, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of

America, Troop 214, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Kyle has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Kyle's Eagle Scout project involved the construction of a pergola in the outdoor classroom of St. James Catholic Church and School. Over the many years Kyle has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kyle Joseph Coday for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

TULLAHOMA AMERICANS CAPTURE STATE TITLE

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the "Tullahoma Americans," a little league baseball team of 11- and 12-year-olds from Coffee County, Tennessee, that captured the State title this month. Tullahoma American has had remarkable success in the past but has not held this title for many years. For all their hard work and dedication, these young little-leaguers have achieved an incredible feat in reclaiming the championship for Tullahoma, and I could not be prouder of them.

My sincere congratulations go out to the players: Josh Brandon, Justin Brandon, Justin Brown, Trey Burks, Alex Butaud, Reed Gabriel, Marquel Hickerson, Zach Lampkin, Ryan Lawson, Brad Roepke, Sam Tomes, and Caleb Zidan, as well as their coaches, Warner Tomes, Troy Shelton, and Mike Thompson, for a championship well-earned. Head Coach Mike Thompson also deserves congratulations not only for shepherding the boys to a winning season, but for dedicating 9 years of service to the Little League institution.

Little League baseball has a long history in America. As early as the late 19th century, young American children played baseball in groups affiliated with adult club teams, but it was not until the late 1930s that Carl Stotz founded and named the "Little League" we are all familiar with today. Since then, young baseball players have honed their skills as well as their character on baseball diamonds across the country. Little League teaches teamwork, sportsmanship, and the value of hard work.

Our Tullahoma State Champions exemplify all of these qualities, and I am proud today to stand and congratulate the team, their coaches, and families for their extraordinary effort. It is my sincere hope that this tradition will continue for young people across the State for years to come.

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HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to acknowledge and support Taiwan's ef-

forts to gain membership in the United Nations, U.N. Communist China's persistent and pervasive intimidation has spurred the U.N.'s refusal to grant Taiwan membership and meaningful participation in the international organization; thus, notwithstanding Taiwan's democratic government, market economy, inherent sovereignty, and respect of human rights, Taiwan is the only democracy in the world banned from U.N. membership.

To rectify this abject inequity, on July 19, 2007, Taiwan's democratically-elected President, Chen Shui-bian, appealed to U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon to accept the nation's application for U.N. membership. Instead of forwarding the application to the U.N. Security Council, Mr. Ban unilaterally dismissed Taiwan's application; consequently, Mr. Ban cavalierly violated U.N. Security Council Rule 59. In explaining Mr. Ban's violation, the U.N. Secretary General's office alleged the application was rejected because Taiwan is an integral part of communist China. In making this factually unfounded determination, Mr. Ban subverted the authority of the U.N. Security Council and diminished the little credibility the U.N. retains. Further, as the U.N. Secretary General is acting as a dupe for communist China, the U.N. will rightly and ultimately be viewed as a wholly owned subsidiary of communist China.

If, in addition to its innumerable instances of corruption and incompetence, the U.N. continues such arbitrary and capricious actions in relation to the sovereign democracy of Taiwan, this international organization will one day mirror the League of Nations—of which, if I may point out, no country remains a member.

Madam Speaker, I strongly regret Mr. Ban's unilateral rejection of Taiwan's sovereignty and application to join the U.N. As the United States is the Leader of the Free World we must continue to support Taiwan's efforts to gain membership in the U.N.

RECOGNIZING MR. CLAUDE RUNDLE AND THE CREW OF THE LST-460

HON. TIM MAHONEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 14, 2007

Mr. MAHONEY of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Claude Rundle of Port Charlotte, FL, and the other exceptional crew members of the LST-460 ship during its service in World War II.

The LST-460 was commissioned on February 15, 1943 and was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theatre between 1943 and 1944. The LST-460 and its crew participated in over a half dozen operations including the consolidation of the Southern Solomons and the Mindoro Landing. On December 21, 1944, the LST-460 was lost in action when it was attacked by enemy aircraft while sailing off the coast of the Philippines. The LST-460 and its crew earned six battle stars and the Navy Unit Commendation for World War II service.

For the last 25 years, the survivors of the LST-460 have hosted a reunion to commemorate their service and bravery. Mr. Rundle is one of these survivors and I am honored to be able to recognize him today. Beyond our